



Alameda County Sheriff's Office
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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) HEISNER JR., Barry			TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/>	UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER 2016-03231	
	REPORTED BY J. Heisner #1528		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. (510) 667-3646	REPORTING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			REFERENCE NUMBER
	INVESTIGATOR Damon Wilson		CALL DATE AND TIME 10/30/2016 10:12	CASE TYPE Removal Case			
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 10/30/2016 9:15		DATE OF BIRTH 9/15/1972	AGE 44 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Caucasian/White	MARITAL STATUS
	HGT 68	WGT 160	EYE COLOR Green	HAIR COLOR Brown	OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER
	Preliminary Summary [REDACTED]						
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail						LOD TYPE Other
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd. HU 7, Pod E Dublin CA 94568						COUNTY Alameda
	Manner Suicide			Death Certificate Signed By:			
	Cause A <u>Asphyxiation</u>						Interval Minutes
	Cause B <u>Hanging</u>						Interval Minutes
	Cause C						Interval
	Cause D						Interval
Other Significant Conditions							
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN [REDACTED]			RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]	
	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD		DATE AND TIME	
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Personal Identification			DATE AND TIME			
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT						AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)						COUNTY
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS						INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER S. Reid
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Bay Area - A Mortuary Support Services Group				BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 11/3/2016 13:49		
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>				EXAM BY Thomas W. Rogers		



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: HEISNER JR., Barry
Case Number: 2016-03231
Investigator: Damon Wilson

First Call Information:

On Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 0958 hours, Lieutenant (Lt.) J. Johnson, the Watch Commander at Santa Rita Jail reported the death of Barry Heisner. Lt. Johnson said Heisner was an inmate housed in Housing Unit West 7, Pod E cell 5, and hanged himself in his cell. Heisner was arrested on October 18, 2016 but arrived in Santa Rita Jail on October 19, 2016, at 0442 hours. I told Lt. Johnson I would be arriving at the jail as soon as possible. (dlw29)

Medical Summary:

Heisner hanged himself with a dark colored bed sheet. The sheet had been knotted several times on one end and placed in a narrow space between the upper bunk and the wall of the cell. The knots served to anchor the sheet in the narrow space. The other end of the sheet was tied around Heisner's neck. (dlw29)

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Heisner died at Santa Rita Jail, in Housing Unit West 7, Pod E cell 5 located at 5325 Broder Boulevard in the City of Dublin. (dlw29)

Body Identification:

Heisner was identified by the staff at Santa Rita Jail. His inmate summary listed him as Barry Heisner, Personal File Number (PFN) [REDACTED] and his photograph was on the summary. I (Wilson) also printed his California identification photo from the Department of Motor Vehicles [REDACTED]. (dlw29)

On November 1, 2016, a fax was received from the Alameda County Central Identification Bureau (CIB) confirming that the fingerprints taken from the decedent were a match to the fingerprints associated with Person File Number: [REDACTED] and the name Barry Heisner. (KE1917)

Next of Kin Investigation:

Heisner's marital status was unknown at the time of the first call. However, Heisner was later found to have had a minor child, [REDACTED]. (dlw29)

There were phone numbers listed in a letter of suicidal intent. I called a number listed for [REDACTED] but I got no answer.

On Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 1600 hours, I called a number listed for [REDACTED] and asked if she had information for Heisner's parents. She said she would have someone call me back.

At 1620 hours, I received a call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I explained the circumstances of Heisner's death to him. [REDACTED] said he would notify Heisner's parents of Heisner's death and would have them call me.



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At 1650 hours, I got a call from [REDACTED] Heisner's step-father. [REDACTED] said Heisner's biological father was deceased and he ([REDACTED]) was married to Heisner's mother, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was very upset and asked if he could call me back. I managed to get his address and phone number before he hung up.

Heisner was a divorced man with a [REDACTED] and his mother were aware of Heisner's death according to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was Heisner's legal next of kin. (dlw29)

Other Agency Reports:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office assigned case number 16-019176 for this case. Eden Township Substation detectives were notified of this incident but declined to respond to the scene. Deputy S. Reid of Santa Rita Jail was the reporting officer. (dlw29)

Property and Evidence:

Receipt #37547 was completed for the property and evidence collected. A copy of the receipt was left with deputies at the scene.

Heisner's personal belongings were collected and brought to the Coroner's Bureau where they were placed into temporary storage. (dlw29)

Coroners Fees:

The Coroner's fees amount to \$400 which included the cost of the removal and body preparation.

On November 21, 2016, all Coroner's fees regarding this case were paid in full. (dlw29)

Investigative Details:

On Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 1102 hours, Deputy Neils and I (Wilson) arrived at Santa Rita Jail where we met with Deputy Reid. Deputy Reid directed us to Heisner's cell. I saw Heisner lying on the floor outside of his cell. He was face up, dressed in jail issued pants, underwear, shoes and socks. Medical therapy was in place and there was a ligature mark around his neck. Heisner was warm to the touch and flaccid. Lividity was consistent with his lying on the floor.

Deputy Reid said about 0430 hours that day, Heisner was awake for breakfast.

About 0730 hours, Deputy Reid did a pod check at the start of his shift and saw nothing amiss.

About 0837 hours, inmates were out of their cells for pod time when an inmate saw Heisner hanging in his cell.

About 0837 hours, the inmate alerted Sheriff's Technician McAdams who contacted Deputy Reid about Heisner's hanging.

Deputy Reid told me he had a video of Heisner hanging. The video was from Deputy Reid's body worn camera. The video was taken from Deputy Reid's point of view.



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About 0838 hours, Deputy Reid ran to Heisner's cell. The cell door appeared to be ajar. Deputy Reid opened the cell door and Heisner was hanging by his neck with both of his feet on the floor. Heisner's legs were bent and his knees were about a foot above the floor. Heisner was facing the bunk beds with his head tilted back. Deputy Reid grabbed Heisner and tried to lift him. Deputy Reid managed to untie the sheet around Heisner's neck and lowered him to the floor. Deputy Reid instructed the Sheriff's staff to "Call the nurses" on his hand radio and he started chest compressions to try to resuscitate Heisner.

Deputy Reid appeared to move with urgency and efficiency. The video also showed the Alameda County Fire Department arriving and doing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and ultimately pronouncing Heisner dead at 0915 hours. Deputy Reid said Captain J. Merrick of the fire department did the pronouncement. Deputy Neils took several scene photos and photos of Heisner's body. Deputy Reid searched Heisner's cell and recovered miscellaneous papers. There were multiple food items and toiletries in the cell. Deputy Reid told me there was a letter of suicidal intent in the cell and he gave it to me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Deputy Neils and I placed Heisner on the Coroner's gurney and made the removal

During the course of my investigation, Deputy Reid told me Heisner and his [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Before leaving the jail, Deputy Neils and I went to the watch commander's office and met Lt. Johnson. He released Heisner's property to me and made sure I got Heisner's medical records and movement history. The movement history indicated Heisner was assigned to Housing 7, pod C, cell 5 on 10/19/16, at 0627 hours, as his initial assignment. On 10/19/16, at 1044 hours, Heisner was moved to pod E, cell 5 as a new booked inmate and he remained there until his death.

Deputy Neils and I returned to the Coroner's Bureau and processed Heisner into the morgue. Deputy Neils took intake photos and we placed Heisner into refrigeration.

On October 31, 2016, Dr. Rogers listed Asphyxiation Due to Hanging as Heisner's cause of death. (dlw29)

Findings:

On Monday, October 31, 2016, I (Wilson) reviewed this case in order to determine a manner of Heisner's death. Heisner hanged himself and left a hand written letter of suicidal intent to various relatives and friends indicating his intentions. This case has been determined a suicide. (dlw29)

Supervisor Review:

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, I (Sgt. R. Macintire) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concurred with the findings and approved this case for closure. (RM #1632)

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Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 31, 2016
FROM: Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.
TO: Case File 2016-03231
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Barry C. Heisner Jr. at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on October 31, 2016, at 9:25 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) ASPHYXIATION:
 - A) FLUIDITY OF BLOOD
 - B) PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA
 - C) VISCERAL ORGAN CONGESTION.
- 2) HANGING:
 - A) FURROW ABOUT NECK
 - B) NOOSE PRESENTED WITH BODY.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ASPHYXIATION DUE TO HANGING.

cc: EMS
District Attorney
Investigation Bureau
Tina Moore-Walker, Detention and Corrections Division

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Body of BARRY C. HEISNER JR.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a white male appearing the stated age of 44 years. There is a Coroner's identification tag present on the left ankle. The body is 68 inches long and weighs 160 pounds.

The body is presented in a supine position. The body is partially clothed.

Paper bags cover the distal aspect of both arms.

The body is clothed in orange slip-on shoes, a pair of gray socks, off-yellow pants with an elastic waist, and orange underpants also with an elastic waist. The pants and underpants are hiked down below the external genitalia. The external genitalia are visible.

Rigor mortis is fully developed. Lividity is present over the backside of the body.

There is the following evidence of MEDICAL THERAPY:

- 1) An intraosseous infusion device on left lower leg.
- 2) Cardiac monitoring pads on both lower legs and both upper arms.
- 3) Electrical conduction pads on the torso.
- 4) An oral Combitube secured around the neck.

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23 Presented with the body is a noose. This is composed of
24 pieces of blue material possibly that of a sheet. It is
25 approximately 10-12 feet in length. It has approximately four
26 to knots along its course. Present roughly in the midportion of
27 this is a brown towel that has been tied around the blue sheet.
28 Also tied about the sheet is a single gray sock.

29 Present about the neck is an ill-defined furrow mostly red-
30 purple in color. This appears to vary in width upwards to 2 or
31 3 inches. Both sides of the furrow course in a superior
32 direction on the right and left sides of the neck. There
33 appears to be a highpoint of this furrow just below the right
34 ear. Present along the inferior border of the furrow on the
35 right side of the neck is a linear area of white discoloration
36 of the skin about 3 inches in length. A similar appearing area
37 of white discoloration of the skin is present on the frontside
38 of the neck and extends over onto the left lateral side of the
39 neck for a distance of about 4 inches. The skin surrounding
40 this furrow is nonremarkable. The furrow corresponds, roughly
41 in size and shape, to the previously described noose.

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42 There are the following BLUNT INJURIES to the body:

43 RIGHT ARM:

44 1) A 1 inch red-brown abrasion on the lateral proximal
45 upper arm.

46 2) A 1 inch red-brown abrasion on the lateral elbow.

47 3) Two brown abrasions on posterior-distal upper arm each
48 are about 1/2 inch.

49 LEFT ARM:

50 1) A 1 inch red-brown abrasion on posterior-medial elbow.

51 2) A 1 inch green-red contusion on posterior upper arm
52 inferior to the midportion.

53 RIGHT LEG:

54 1) A 1 inch red-brown abrasion on the tibial tubercle.

55 2) A 1/4 inch red contusion on the patella.

56 LEFT LEG:

57 1) A 1-1/4 inch red contusion over the medial border of
58 the patella.

59 2) A 1/2 inch red contusion on the anterior-medial
60 proximal lower leg.

61 3) A 1/2 inch red contusion just above tibial tubercle.

62 There are no other blunt injuries noted to the body.

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63 The hair is dark brown and about 1 inch long. Pupils are
64 round. Irides are brown. Sclerae are nonremarkable. No
65 petechial hemorrhages are noted. Just below the right eye and
66 the left eye is some red discoloration of the skin and each is
67 about 1/2 inch in greatest dimension. This may represent a
68 dermatological condition. The possibility of them representing
69 blunt injuries cannot be excluded. Ears, nose and lips are
70 normal. The neck is without further abnormalities.

71 The chest is flat. Breasts are consistent with an adult
72 male. The abdomen is flat. The external genitalia are
73 nonremarkable.

74 Legs and feet are without further abnormalities.

75 Arms and hands are without further abnormalities. No scars
76 are present over the anterior wrists. The fingernails are
77 closely clipped and intact.

78 The back is nonremarkable.

79 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

80 The body is opened through the usual Y-SHAPED INCISION.

BODY CAVITIES: The pleural cavities, pericardial cavity and peritoneal cavity are lined by smooth, glistening surfaces and contain no fluid. Ribs and diaphragms are intact.

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84 HEART: In situ, the heart is normal, with the apex at the
85 left midclavicular line. The heart weighs 400 grams, with
86 fluidity of blood. The epicardial surface is smooth and
87 glistening. Ventricular myocardium is brown. Chambers are
88 normal. Valves are normal. No left ventricular hypertrophy is
89 present. No asymmetric hypertrophy is present. No myxoid
90 degeneration of the mitral valve is present. No vegetations are
91 present on valve leaflets. Coronary ostia are patent. The
92 coronary system has its usual anatomical distribution and is
93 nonremarkable. No thrombi are present. There is fluidity of
94 blood.

95 VESSELS: The aorta and tributaries are nonremarkable. The
96 pulmonary artery and venous system contain no thromboemboli.

97 TRACHEA AND BRONCHI: Lined by pale yellow mucosal
98 surfaces.

99 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 900 grams. The right lung
100 weighs 750 grams. Pleural surfaces are smooth. Lung parenchyma
101 is prominently congested and edematous. There are no areas of
102 consolidation. No pulmonary infarcts are present. No bronchial
103 asthma is identified. Airways of both lungs are nonremarkable.
104 No tumors are present. The arterial system of both lungs is
105 opened, and no thromboemboli or other abnormalities are

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106 identified.

107 ORAL CAVITY: The teeth are natural. None are acutely
108 missing or loose. No abnormalities of the oral cavity are
109 noted.

110 ESOPHAGUS: Lined by a white, wrinkled mucosal surface.

111 STOMACH: Contains no stomach contents.

112 INTESTINES: Covered by smooth serosal surfaces. No
113 abnormalities are noted.

114 LIVER: Weighs 2000 grams. The serosal surface is smooth.
115 The anterior margin is sharp. The parenchyma is brown and
116 prominently congested. No tumors are present. No fatty
117 metamorphosis or cirrhosis is present.

118 GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder is of normal size. Its
119 surface is smooth. Its wall is of normal thickness. It is
120 lined by a green velvety mucosal surface. It contains scant
121 amounts of bile and no stones.

122 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size. Its parenchyma
123 is yellow-brown and lobulated. No tumors are present. No
124 saponification is noted.

125 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 160 grams. Its capsule is gray
126 and smooth. Its parenchyma is red-purple and soft.

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127 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are normal in size and have
128 their usual triangular shape. Sectioning of them reveals non-
129 remarkable cortex and medullary parts. No hemorrhages are
130 present.

131 KIDNEYS: The left kidney weighs 150 grams. The right
132 kidney weighs 200 grams. Surfaces are smooth. Parenchyma is
133 brown and prominently congested. There is a distinct cortico-
134 medullary separation. Papillae are normal. The calyces and
135 pelves of both kidneys are nonremarkable. No obvious
136 abnormalities are noted of the ureters. No stones are present.

137 BLADDER: The bladder contains no urine. It is lined by a
138 tan mucosal surface. No trabeculation or tumors are present.
139 No diverticula are noted.

140 PROSTATE: The prostate is of normal size. Its parenchyma
141 is yellow-white and rubbery. No tumors are noted.

142 TESTICLES: Normal.

143 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: No abnormalities noted.

144 NECK: The hyoid bone and laryngeal structures are intact.
145 Soft tissue about the larynx is normal. The larynx is free of
146 obstructing material. The cervical vertebral column is non-
147 remarkable. The thyroid gland is of normal size. Sectioning of
148 it reveals a nonremarkable red-brown parenchyma.

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149 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Soft tissue about the cranial
150 vault is normal. The brain weighs 1350 grams. The gyri and
151 sulci of the cerebral hemispheres are normal. Sectioning of the
152 brain reveals no abnormalities. No contusions are noted. The
153 ventricular system of the brain is nonremarkable. No subdural
154 or subarachnoid hemorrhages are present. The vessels at the
155 base of the brain are nonremarkable. Stripping the dura from
156 the inner table of the skull reveals no abnormalities.

157 SPECIMENS:

- 158 1) Heart's blood
159 2) Leg blood
160 3) Liver
161 4) Tissue
162 5) Photographs

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Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.



CENTRAL VALLEY
TOXICOLOGY, INC.

Case Name:

Heisner,

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: CVT-16-11155

Barry
7 ml femoral blood labeled "Heisner Jr, Barry; 2016-03231; 10/31/2016"

Specimen Description:

Delivered by Tricor

Date 02-Nov-16

Received by Bill Posey

Date 11-Nov-16

Request: Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2016-03231

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Acct's Payable
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Report To

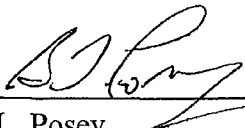
Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Dr. Rogers
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
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Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

*Michael 11/16/16
11/22/16*


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